

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A water-sensing protection device for use with home appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers, incorporating a water-sensing probe that detects high water levels in a sink basin, wall discharge receiver or a stand pipe. The protection device also
5 has a sensor that can be placed on the floor to detect the presence of water from the failure of the above-described appliances or the drainage system of the sink basin or the sink basin itself. The signal from the sensing probes may be used to deactivate the power to the appliance, resulting in the activation of an auditable alarm and warning light that a
10 water overflow condition exists due to an obstruction in the drainage system, or the failure of the appliance or drainage system has occurred. An optional vibration sensor is also disclosed, since excessive vibration due to load imbalance could be indicative of a potential water problem.